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SOURCE Diario da ManhãSEVEN NEW LIFE-TERM MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE COUNCIL OF STATE

The President of Portugal on 21 July 1952 signed a decree appointing seven more members of the Council of State. The new members, whose terms are for life, are Dr Albino Soares Pinto dos Reis Junior, Prof Marcelo Jose das Neves Alves Caetano, Prof João Pinto da Costa Leite, Lt Col Fernando dos Santos Costa, Vice-Adm Manuel Ortins de Bettencourt, Prof Mario de Figueiredo, and Prof Jose Caeiro da Mata.

A brief biographical sketch of each is presented herewith.

Cons /Conselheiro; Councillor/ Albino Soares Pinto dos Reis Junior

Born in Loureiro, Oliveira de Azemeis, 30 November 1888. Made a brilliant record in the Law School at Coimbra, where he was graduated in 1913. Was keeper of the Civil Register in Oliveira de Azemeis and in São João da Madeira, where he practiced law until 1931. Civil Governor of Coimbra, 1931 - 1932. Minister of the Interior, 1932 - 1933. Vice-President of the Central Committee of the National Union /government party/ since 1933. Deputy to the National Assembly since the first legislature and leader of the Assembly from 1935 to 1945. In 1945, he was elected President of the National Assembly, which position he still occupies. He is also President of the Supreme Administrative Tribunal since 1936 and has been a judge since 1933. He is decorated with the Grand Cross of the Military Order of Christ.

Prof Marcelo Jose das Neves Alves Caetano

Born 17 August 1906. Graduated in law from the University of Lisbon in 1927. Appointed juridical auditor of the Ministry of Finances in 1929. Received doctorate in law in 1931. Was chairman of the Committee on Credit Insurance Regulation, member of the Advisory Board of the National Union, editor and owner of the magazine "O Direito" (Law). Rose competitively to professorship in University of Lisbon in 1933. Was member of Executive Committee of National Union. Headed the committee charged with drawing up the bases for

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reform of municipal and parochial finance and took part in drawing up the project for the Administrative Code. Was chosen attorney to the Corporative Chamber [upper house] of the first legislature in 1935, and the following year was named member of the Directorate of the Institute of High Culture and member of the Council of the Colonial Empire.

Prof. Marcelo Caetano is decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Christ and with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Southern Cross [Brazilian decoration]. He belongs to the Portuguese Academy of History. He was national commissioner of Mocidade Portuguesa [Portuguese Youth] and took part in the special deputation visiting Brazil in 1941. At present, he is President of the Corporative Chamber, where his activity has been noteworthy. He has written various works on administration, administrative law, history, and economics.

Prof. João Pinto da Costa Leite (Lumbraleal) [sic]

Born 3 February 1903. At 17 years of age, he entered Law School at Coimbra, where he made a brilliant record. He took his doctorate in law in 1927, presenting his thesis on the subject "Portuguese Banking Organization." On this occasion his examiner was Prof. Oliveira Salazar. In 1928, when Doctor Salazar was named Finance Minister, Professor Costa Leite succeeded him at the university. In 1931 he was appointed professor of economics, and 3 years later, in competing for full professorship, he submitted as his dissertation a notable book Ensaio sobre a teoria das crises economicas (Essay on the Theory of Economic Crises). Other outstanding works from his vast output are O Erro em Direito Penal (Agricultural Credit and Real Estate Credit), Noções Elementares de Economia Política (Elementary Notions of Political Economy), and A Doutrina Corporativa em Portugal (Corporative Doctrine in Portugal).

In 1929, he was appointed Undersecretary of State for Finances, reappointed in 1930 and served continuously from 23 October 1934 to 13 December 1937. He was interim Undersecretary of Corporations and Social Welfare for some months in 1935 and 1936. In August 1940 he was named Minister of Finances, a post he held until 1 August 1950, when he became Minister of the Presidency. After the disaster in which Eng. Duarte Pacheco fell victim, Professor Costa Leite took his place in the management of Public Works.

He has been president of the Central Junta of the Portuguese Legion since its creation. He holds the following decorations: Grand Cross of the Order of Christ, Grand Cross of the German Eagle, and the Humboldt Medal of the Munich Academy.

Lt Col Fernando dos Santos Costa

Born in Alcafache (Mangualde) 19 December 1899. Commissioned second lieutenant 13 September 1918, lieutenant 13 September 1922, and captain 23 January 1933. Attended University of Coimbra. Took the infantry and general staff courses at the School of War and at the Central Officers' School, where he also taught the general staff course. Among other works he published Alguns Reparos sobre a Organização do Exército (Some Considerations on the Organization of the Army) and, in collaboration with Lt Col (now Gen) Barros Rodrigues, Bases para a Organização da Nação para o Tempo de Guerra (Bases for the Organization of the Nation for Time of War).

In addition to collaborating technically on military periodicals, he was on the commission for organizing military cartography, the commission for proposing to the government the organizational bases for the higher national defence bodies, and the commission for studying the problem of promotions and

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retirement of officers of the Metropolitan Arm. He collaborated with Gen Schiappa de Azevedo, Col Lopes Mateus, and Gen Daniel de Souza when these individuals held the portfolio of war. He took part in the First Congress of the National Union as a member of the National Defense section.

In May 1936, he was named Undersecretary of State for War, a position he held until 6 September 1944, when, after being promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in tribute to his services and sacrifices to the army and to the nation, he took over the Ministry of War. He now occupies the post of Minister of Defense.

He is decorated with the Orders of Christ and of Avis and holds the silver medals for Good Services and for Exemplary Conduct, as well as the Grand Cross of the Tower and Sword.

Vice-Adm Manuel Ortins de Bettencourt

Born in Graciosa (Azores), 12 June 1892. Enlisted 2 December 1909 and was admitted as midshipman 19 August 1912. Classified as air pilot 26 June 1920; took part in the first flight to Madeira in 1921. He has held posts on various working commissions in the Ministries of Navy and of Colonies and on the National Air Council. He was appointed Minister of Navy on 18 January 1936. At present he is chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces.

Decorations: silver medal commemorating the campaigns of the Portuguese Army; Mozambique Campaign 1914 - 1918, silver medal commemorating the campaigns of the Portuguese Army on the sea, 1916 - 1917 - 1918; Victory Medal; Cross of Tower and Sword as part of the crew of the hydroplane which made the Lisbon-Madeira flight; gold medal of Philanthropy and Charity, Knight of the Legion of Honor; and Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Prof Mario de Figueiredo

Born in Viseu, 19 April 1891. Full professor at University of Coimbra Law School. Minister of Justice and of Cults from 10 November 1928 to 8 June 1929. Was technical member of the committee for liquidating war debts and of various other committees. Was member of the National Political Council. Was Minister of National Education from 28 August 1940. Negotiated the 1940 Concordat with the Vatican. He was on the Editorial Committee and is the leader of the National Assembly. He is a member of the Institute of Coimbra. Among various decorations, he holds the Grand Cross of the Military Order of Santiago da Espada (St. James of the Sword). He has written several works on law.

Prof Jose Casiro da Mata

Born in Vimieiro, Arraiolos, in 1883. Graduated in law from Coimbra. Was professor at Coimbra from 1907 to 1919. In 1920 he switched to the University of Lisbon, where he was Rector. An active member of the Academy of Sciences, he was chairman of the Superior Council of Public Instruction and of various committees. Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1933 - 1935, attorney for the Corporative Chamber in 1939, judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice since 1931, delegate of Portugal in the League of Nations, entrusted with various diplomatic missions, President of the Academy of History, Minister of National Education, and again of Foreign Affairs. At present he is attorney for the Corporative Chamber. He has written numerous works. His various decorations include the Grand Cross of the Order of Santiago, of the Order of Christ, of Public Instruction, of the Legion of Honor of France, of the Crown of Italy, and of Orange and Nassau.

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